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This is a copy of the orders allegedly sent by the Soviet Headquarters in Sofia to the Bulgarian Ministry of Defense.

General Headquarters of the "ADVISORY
CORPS" of the RED ARMY.

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To the Ministry of National Defense, Chief of the General Staff of
the Bulgarian People's Republic

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The Advisory Corps of the Red Army Staff for the People's Republic of Bulgaria orders the Ministry of National Defense and the Chief of the General Staff of the Bulgarian People's Republic's Army to carry out the following military and other measures:

Military measures:
Issue immediately the following orders:

1. Complete by a mobilization order the First and Second Armies to war strength.

Completion is to be carried out with personnel,-- Other Ranks and Officers as well as with materiel as follows:

5. The 3rd and 7th and 2nd Divisions of the First Army shall be completed by the following units:

(1) The 7th Infantry Division of the First Army to be reinforced by:
units of the mountain artillery;
units of attack-cavalry and light armored units
radio-units and sapper units;

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(2) The Second and Third Divisions must be reinforced by units of the radio service, sapper units and railway units.

(3) The remaining corps of the first and second armies will be complemented according to normal regulations.

2. Deployment.

Issue immediate orders for the deployment of units as follows:

a. Motorized units of 2 Infantry Division must be located in the area 18 kilometers to the east of the River Timok (elevation point 4487), 19 kilometers to the north of the 44th Parallel, where they are to be concentrated and ready to receive further marching orders.

b. These motorized units are to be armed with light tanks (the Czech text uses the words "lehkyml panceri") and armored cars (pancerovym vozy) and light automatic arms.

c. These units must be capable of reaching more remote objectives within the shortest possible time.

d. Large fuel-dumps must be placed into these areas.

e. The core of the Second Infantry Division must be ordered to the city of Vidin, on the right bank of the River Danube and must be kept on the alert.

f. To support the Second Infantry Division aircraft of the 12th Jet Squadron, from Base MN3 in Fufkkirchen, in Hungary, will be deployed.

3. The Third Infantry Division of the First Army must be ordered into the area 150 kilometers from the town of Vidin, to the south-south-east and deploy it in battle positions according to the deployment-plan, which has previously been given to you.

a. Into the battle stations of this Third Infantry Division reinforcements of mountain artillery units are also to be ordered, for the needs of their being employed in action.

4. Issue immediate orders to the Seventh Infantry Division of the First Army to take up battle positions in the tributary area of the Struma river, on the Western foot hills of the Muss Alla range, according to the deployment plan which has been previously given to you.

b. Units of this Division must take up positions other than described by the operational plans, along the right bank of the Struma river, up to a distance of 12 kilometers from the Greek frontiers. Units of the left wing of this 7th Division, - this must be observed, - must not approach the Greek frontiers to less than 12 kilometers.

c. The Seventh Division of the First Army will be supported in action by aircraft of the 73rd Jet Squadron from the air base for jet-propelled aircraft KN6 in Sofia (maximum capacity 600-720 machines).

SUPPLEMENTS

1. All positions of the various units and of entire corps of this First Army will be kept strictly secret.
2. All units dislocated in the above mentioned area must be maintained in a state of alert until further orders.
3. Armament of these units is to be brought to war strength. All these units must be supplied with sufficient fuel and machines to be kept in a state permitting immediate start.

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4. The operational plan has already been handed to the Staff of the First and Second Army.
5. Headquarters of the First and Second Army as well as the different divisional staffs are subordinated to the command of a member of the Advisory Corps, or his deputy. These members are equipped with accurate instructions from the Advisory Corps or with instructions from the General Staff of the Red Army.
6. Issue orders concerning the super-ordination of these members of the Advisory Corps, or their deputies. All orders become effective on June 23rd at 2400 hours. They are valid until revocation.
7. Reports on fulfillment of these orders must be made immediately, but not later than June 23rd, 12 o'clock.

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Comment: The order given above appears to contain certain discrepancies that may reflect on its authenticity. For example there are no elevations on Bulgaria as high as that given for Elevation Point 4487 (see paragraph 2, a). It is likewise most unusual to describe a geographical point as being "19 kilometers north of the 44th parallel". The town of Pecs is never called Funfkirchen in Magyar or any slavonic language, it is the old German name of this city. This order is dated 27 June, but was to come into effect at midnight on 23 June; however, units were to report execution of orders twelve hours before that time.

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